

GUARDING HISTORY ▶

Washington, D.C.

A WEALTH of information about this country's oldest military organization can be found in a new Washington, D.C., museum. The National Guard Memorial Museum is located at One Massachusetts Ave., N.W., one block west of Union Station, and is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Every state and U.S. territory is represented in the museum, and many of the artifacts on display are on loan from the states. The museum was completed in December 2002, in celebration of the National Guard's 366th birthday. It opened to the public in March.

Describing the museum's displays and artifacts, one recent visitor said they explore the history and mission of the

National Guard Association



colonial militia and the modern Army and Air National Guard, but without creating confusion or information overload.

The museum has seven core exhibit areas that reflect the history of the citizen-soldier in homeland defense, in conflicts and during peacekeeping missions around the world.

"From Concord Bridge to providing security at Ronald Reagan National Airport, the Guard is rooted in homeland

security while also serving abroad," said Kristin Patterson Jones, the National Guard Association's deputy director of communications.

The nonprofit association hopes to raise \$3.6 million to fund educational programs and special events at the museum and support its day-to-day operations, she said.

— MSG Bob Haskell,
National Guard Bureau Public Affairs Office

◀ KEEPING AN EYE ON MOM

Uzbekistan

FLAT Stanley, the newest member of Camp Stronghold Freedom in Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan, has become a new friend to deployed soldiers, even though Stanley is only 12 inches tall, wears a paper uniform and weighs less than an ounce.

"Flat Stanley is a cut-out doll that children create and send to people all over the world by mail," said SGT Anita Guilfoyle-Pace of the 375th Quartermaster Company. "When people receive Flat Stanley in the mail they're supposed to take pictures with him and return the photos to the sender."

"My son misses me very much, and this is his way of keeping an eye on me," said Guilfoyle-Pace. "He was so excited when I called and told him Stanley was here."

Flat Stanley was sent to Camp

Stronghold Freedom by Guilfoyle-Pace's son, Brandon, from Faith Christian School in Osawatomie, Kan. There, Brandon and his kindergarten class created and colored Flat Stanley specifically for Guilfoyle-Pace and her fellow soldiers.

"I wanted to see where my mom is working and send her a friend to be with her until she comes home," said Brandon.

Flat Stanley stays in the Supply Support Activity yard with Guilfoyle-Pace and her unit.

"When the Uzbeks come to the SSA to order supplies, we introduce them to Flat Stanley," said 1LT Heather Kuhn, the 375th's detachment commander. "He has even helped improve international relations in his own little way."

— SPC Travis Edwards,
1st COSCOM PAO



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PORTABLE PX VISITS SOLDIERS ►

Iraq

SOLDIERS stood in line for up to six hours for the chance to shop for the first time since the war with Iraq started. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service had arrived to support 3rd Infantry Division soldiers by bringing in necessary items.

A portable post exchange came on trailers, and soldiers helped unload boxes to create a makeshift shopping area while AAFES employees prepared for the shoppers. Soldiers used boxes instead of shopping carts to carry their items.

The AAFES warehouse is located at Baghdad International Airport, and small teams of AAFES personnel often go out to various unit locations to set up business for a day, said Mary Moreno, an AAFES coordinator from Germany. Moreno said command

groups let AAFES know which units are in what areas, and AAFES then arranges a schedule for visits.

Moreno said she enjoys visiting the units that don't have regular access to shopping and need certain items.

"I love it. These guys are so appreciative. It makes me feel good when people say things like, 'Thanks, are you coming back?' and 'We're glad to have you here.' That's what makes it worth it," she said.

SPC James Threet, a 317th Maintenance Co. machinist, said he stood in line for most of the day, but the wait was worthwhile. "I got more than what I needed," he said.

"Many of these soldiers haven't had a chance to shop for personal-hygiene items for a month," said SGT Christopher Cook, a 274th Movement Con-

SPC Katherine Robinson



trol Team transportation manager.

SGT Irene Broussard, the 24th Corps Support Group paralegal NCOIC, said, "It's a good morale booster for the soldiers."

— SPC Katherine Robinson,
50th PA Detachment

PLANNING FOR A NEW

WELL ►

Afghanistan

CPT Wayne Mingo of the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade, elders of Chengari village and contractors inspect a well which has been approved for repair.



SFC Amanda C. Glenn